

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on July 13, 2007, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 31-39, 43 and 66-70 were pending. Claim 71 has been added. By this paper, Applicant does not cancel any claims. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 31-39, 43 and 66-71 are pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Interview of October 19, 2007

Examiner Stigell is thanked for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicant's representatives on October 19, 2007, where it was agreed that if the independent claims were amended as detailed above, the prior art would be overcome.

In view of the Personal Interview held on October 19, 2007, Applicant submits that the Interview Summary (a copy of which is attached in Appendix A) provides a complete and proper recollection of the substance of the interview, per MPEP §713.04.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

All of the claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious in view of Connelly (United States Patent No. 6,589,229). In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant has made the above amendments to the independent claims, and respectfully submits that the above claims are allowable for at least the reasons agreed upon during the interview of October 19, 2007, and thus the rejection of the claims is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

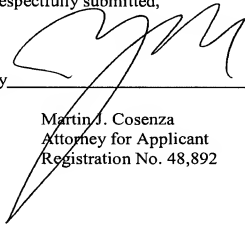
Examiner Stigell is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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